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SMITH TAX BILL APPEARS WINNER

Alsdorf's Measure Has Few Friends Among Conferees

Governor Busy With His Pen—Makes Laws Out Of Twelve Legislative Enactments And Promises To Sign Promises To Sign Patterson Bill Providing For Biennial Sessions Of The General Assembly—County Commissioners Authorized To Establish Experiment Farms

Columbus, O., April 25. — On the senate calendar for tomorrow are two special orders—the Langdon bill, giving the county officers a surer grip on their salaries, and the Norris employers' liability bill, with which there is a pending motion by Senator Patterson to substitute the Brenner commission proposition again.

The personnel of the conference committee on the Alsdorf-Smith tax rate limit bills leaves little doubt about the result of the conference. Senator Mendelson was the hardest fighter against the Alsdorf bill on the senate side of the legislature. Senator Cleveland is in favor of a rate limit and voted for the Alsdorf bill, but he is not a stickler for that bill by any means. These two senators, with the author of the Alsdorf measure constitute the senate representation in the conference. On the house side they are Representatives Riddle-Smith and LeBlond. Smith is the author of the tax rate limit bill that the house has passed. Riddle was one of the leaders of the opposition to the Smith bill as it was originally introduced—an exact copy of the Alsdorf bill. LeBlond is from Cincinnati, where there is a strong feeling against any low tax rate limit. Looking over the committee it would seem that Senator Alsdorf would stand alone for his bill, with possibly some support from Senator Cleveland. The report that the committee will turn in will no doubt follow the Smith bill that the house has passed very closely.

BILLS BECOME LAWS

Governor Harmon Busy Reading and Writing Executive Pen.

Columbus, O., April 25.—Governor Harmon is one of the busiest men about the statehouse these days. He has his hands full reading and studying the bills passed by the legislature. When the senators and representatives meet this evening they will find twelve of their measures have become laws during the week-end recess. The bills approved by the governor are:

Amended house bill, Mr. Wisner—Relative to filing annual statement, fee for same and renewal of certificate of mutual companies for insuring against loss from death of domestic animals.

Amended house bill, Mr. White—Relative to the issuing of licenses for fishing in Lake Erie and for tags to show the same.

House bill, Mr. Crist—To authorize the payment of deposits in two names to the survivor.

Substitute house bill, Mr. Reed—Prohibiting the selling of insurance premium notes prior to the delivery of the policy and providing penalty for violating same.

Amended house bill, Mr. Spiegel—To amend section 9484 of the general code relating to time of commencing action against fraternal associations.

Amended house bill, Mr. Gussweiler—To amend various sections of the general code relating to maternity boarding houses and lying-in hospitals.

Amended house bill, Mr. Schott—To amend section 13376 of the general code relating to the defining and punishing of some offenses pertaining to the prevention of cruelty to animals.

Amended house bill, Mr. Bower—To amend section 6628 of the general code relating to hearing of preliminary matters on appeal.

Amended house bill, Mr. Bense—To

supplement section 12537 of the general code by the enactment of an additional section known as section 12537-1, exempting island municipalities from the provisions of section 12536 as to the storage of explosives.

Amended house bill, Mr. Bower—To amend section 12437 of the general code relating to burglary in an inhabited dwelling.

Experimental Farms Authorized. Amended house bill, Mr. Wilbur—To authorize the establishment of county experimental farms.

Amended house bill, Mr. Schall—To amend section 8565 of the general code in relation to renewal of chattel mortgages by refilling.

Governor Harmon has allowed six more bills to become laws without his signature. Governor Harmon also announced that he would sign the Patterson bill providing for biennial legislative sessions, when it reaches him. "That is one bill I said I would sign if they would pass it," said the governor. "There are arguments for and against the bill, but you must take the constitution by the four corners when considering it."

This bill has passed house and senate. It provides that the legislature shall meet in the January following the November in which its members are elected. Now the members do not meet until a year later, unless called together in extraordinary session by the governor.

The enactment of the Patterson bill means that the legislature will meet in regular session next winter and then biennial sessions will be held regularly thereafter.

RAVAGED BY FIRE

Lake St. Charles, La., April 25.—Fire swept over 20 blocks, destroying several hundred buildings and resulting in a property loss that will reach \$3,000,000. Two thousand persons are homeless as a result of the conflagration, but there is very little suffering, the residents of that portion of the city which escaped the ravages of the flames having thrown open their doors to the fire victims. The origin of the fire is unknown.

CHARGED WITH ARSON

East Liverpool, O., April 25.—Mrs. Allie Harvey, a widow and prosperous proprietor of several restaurants in this city, was secretly indicted by the grand jury and placed under arrest, charged with setting fire to the home of Mrs. J. H. Moorehead one night last February. She was taken to the county jail at Lisbon. She denies the charge. Mrs. Moorehead's home was burned the night of her marriage to John Moorehead, a pottery foreman, and they were to have moved into it the following day.

This Is the Costliest Home In the United States



The home of ex-Senator Clark of Montana in Fifth avenue, New York city, is completed after some six years of building. The home cost \$7,000,000, and the furnishings cost \$6,000,000 more. The residence is said to be the most expensive private home in America. While a fortune has been spent on it, the owner is said to be far from satisfied with the result. From the standpoint of beauty the building has been subjected to much adverse discussion.

VICTIMS OF MINE BURIED IN ONE GRAVE

Amsterdam, O., April 25.—Twelve of the 15 men who lost their lives in the explosion at the T. & O. mine shaft were buried in army fashion, being placed in plain caskets and lowered into one long grave. Rev. Huston and Rev. Sullivan officiated at the grave. The three other bodies were taken to Dillonvale for burial.

The death list, first reported as 18, was reduced when rescuers found three of the entombed men alive far back in the mine, where in some miraculous manner they were protected from the fatal gases. When found they were all numb and the first word each of them uttered was a pitiful cry for water. The rescuers gave them tea from their own buckets near by, and they were hurried

to the surface and later removed to their homes.

Coroner Isaac Foster announced that he will not hold an inquest until some time this week, after the excitement has died down, and he has asked the aid of the state inspector.

At Chattanooga, Tenn., Arthur Garrett was killed and three companions injured when his automobile plunged over a high cliff.

The Christy Knife company's plant at Fremont, O., was gutted by fire; loss \$50,000. One hundred and fifty men were thrown out of work.

Three negro highwaymen killed Motorman Brown and fatally shot Conductor Bryson at Atlanta, Ga., and escaped to the woods with \$23.

THIRD BODY IDENTIFIED IN HURRY TO MARRY

Cincinnati, O., April 25.—Searching parties who worked on the ruins of the Hotel Rhema, that was destroyed by fire, failed to locate any more bodies, and it is believed that all except three escaped from the building. The body of the man who could not at first be identified was that of Jacob Hefty, 50, an employee of the hotel.

Work of Despondent Woman. Chicago, April 25.—Mrs. Margaret Collins, 24, despondent because she had an invalid daughter, killed herself and two little daughters. Apparently she turned on all the gas jets.

Portsmouth, O., April 25.—Just 10 days after she was made a widow, Mrs. Mirna McClary married Farmer John E. Twaddle of Friendship. The woman's first husband, Robert McClary, was a veteran of the civil war. She herself is but 20 years old. Twaddle became infatuated with her while acting as nurse to McClary, who died a few days after being sent to the Indiana Soldiers' home.

More Degrees For Roosevelt. London, April 25.—It is stated that Colonel Roosevelt will visit and receive degrees from the University of Cambridge and that of Oxford.

OHIO CONGRESSMEN TO HELP TAFT PROGRAM

Washington, April 25.—President Taft discussed the general legislative situation with the Ohio members of the house, and impressed on them his special interest in the railroad bill, the postal savings bill and the anti-injunction bill. No definite program of action for the Ohioans was mapped out, but the president requested the delegation to assist in every way possible in expediting action on the measures in question. He was told that the Ohio members

were with him to a man in everything in which he is interested. The president believes that the railroad bill will be passed by the house within a week or ten days. It is possible then that the situation with respect to the postal savings bill will be such that the Ohio delegation will take the initiative in bringing about a caucus on that measure. The Ohioans were given to understand that the president believed that the outlook for his legislation is favorable.

FRUIT IS NIPPED BY JACK FROST

Outlook In Middle West Far From Encouraging.

WHEAT ALSO SUFFERS DAMAGE

Memphis Reports Heavy Snow and Louisville Icicles a Foot in Length. St. Louis Weather Man Promises Rising Temperature After Days of Rain and Slush—Many Ohio Points Report Heavy Losses as a Result of Cold Snap.

St. Louis, April 25.—After delaying his report several hours, the government weather observer at this point predicted fair and slightly warmer weather for here today and fair and warmer tomorrow. He reports that the temperature dropped to 25 degrees at St. Louis, the lowest ever recorded here at this season of the year. Unofficial reports are that all fruits and vegetables were entirely destroyed in the vicinity of St. Louis and wheat badly damaged. There will practically be no fruit crop in the middle west. Ten inches of snow fell in the lower Ohio valley, turning to slush and rain. Icicles a foot long and several inches of snow are reported at Louisville, Ky. Frost will be followed by heavier frosts at Paducah, Ky., and other points along the Ohio river, injuring much wheat which has begun to head in bottom lands. Indications point to frost in Oklahoma, where snow prevails.

The Springfield (Mo.) weather bureau predicts freezing weather throughout the great Ozark mountain fruit region. It is feared that the Illinois fruit crop is practically destroyed. Memphis reports a heavy fall of snow.

As more cotton is above ground than ever before at this season of the year, the tender plant is expected to suffer in the northern part of the cotton belt.

TWO KILLED IN DUEL

Texas Ranchers Fight to Death in Presence of Cowboy.

Austin, Tex., April 25.—Word was received here of a duel to the death that was fought in Kelly's ranch, near the Beaver lake, between Emmet Newman and R. M. Gatlin, two of the wealthiest stockmen in that section of Texas. Their ranches adjoin. Newman used a rifle and Gatlin a six-shooter. A cowboy witnessed the duel. Newman was shot through the head and fell dead from his horse. Gatlin was shot three times through the body, and died later.

Offer Reward For Finch.

Toledo, O., April 25.—A big reward fund is being raised as a reward for a clue to the whereabouts of ex-Mayor Robert H. Finch, who mysteriously disappeared about a week ago. Relatives, political friends and business men are lending assistance.

LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

CHICAGO—Cattle: Beefers, \$12.50-\$13.50; steers, \$11.50-\$12.50; stockers and feeders, \$10.00-\$11.00; calves, \$12.00-\$13.00. Sheep and Lambs: Native sheep, \$4.50-\$5.50; western, \$5.00-\$6.00; native lambs, \$7.50-\$8.50; western, \$8.00-\$9.00; yearlings, \$7.00-\$8.00. Hogs: Light, \$9.00-\$9.50; mixed, \$8.50-\$9.00; heavy, \$8.00-\$8.50; rough, \$7.50-\$8.00. Pigs, \$6.50-\$7.50. Wheat—No. 2, \$1.00-\$1.05; No. 3, \$0.95-\$1.00; No. 4, \$0.90-\$0.95. Corn—No. 2, \$0.50-\$0.55; No. 3, \$0.45-\$0.50; No. 4, \$0.40-\$0.45. Oats—No. 2, \$0.30-\$0.35; No. 3, \$0.25-\$0.30; No. 4, \$0.20-\$0.25. Hay—No. 1, \$1.00-\$1.10; No. 2, \$0.90-\$1.00; No. 3, \$0.80-\$0.90. Clover—No. 1, \$1.50-\$1.60; No. 2, \$1.40-\$1.50; No. 3, \$1.30-\$1.40. Alfalfa—No. 1, \$1.00-\$1.10; No. 2, \$0.90-\$1.00; No. 3, \$0.80-\$0.90.

PITTSBURGH—Cattle: Choice, \$12.50-\$13.50; prime, \$11.50-\$12.50; good, \$10.50-\$11.50; fair, \$9.50-\$10.50; poor, \$8.50-\$9.50. Sheep and Lambs: Prime, \$5.00-\$6.00; good, \$4.50-\$5.50; fair, \$4.00-\$5.00; poor, \$3.50-\$4.50. Hogs: Light, \$9.00-\$9.50; mixed, \$8.50-\$9.00; heavy, \$8.00-\$8.50; rough, \$7.50-\$8.00. Pigs, \$6.50-\$7.50. Wheat—No. 2, \$1.00-\$1.05; No. 3, \$0.95-\$1.00; No. 4, \$0.90-\$0.95. Corn—No. 2, \$0.50-\$0.55; No. 3, \$0.45-\$0.50; No. 4, \$0.40-\$0.45. Oats—No. 2, \$0.30-\$0.35; No. 3, \$0.25-\$0.30; No. 4, \$0.20-\$0.25. Hay—No. 1, \$1.00-\$1.10; No. 2, \$0.90-\$1.00; No. 3, \$0.80-\$0.90. Clover—No. 1, \$1.50-\$1.60; No. 2, \$1.40-\$1.50; No. 3, \$1.30-\$1.40. Alfalfa—No. 1, \$1.00-\$1.10; No. 2, \$0.90-\$1.00; No. 3, \$0.80-\$0.90.

AUTHORS BODY LAID TO REST

Simple Scriptural Service Marks Burial Of Mark Twain

Only Relatives And Intimate Friends Present When Body Is Lowered Into Grave—Minister Who Was To Have Assisted At Funeral Unable To Be Present Owing To Death Of Wife—Graves Of Loved Ones Wrapped In Mantles Of Green

Elmira, N. Y., April 25.—As the Rev. Samuel Eastman read passages of scripture at the funeral of Samuel L. Clemens, rain fell in torrents. The remains arrived here over the Lackawanna and were taken direct to the house of General Langdon, whose sister was the late Mrs. Clemens. The sorrow of the relatives was made greater when tidings came of the death of the wife of the Rev. Mr. Twitchell, who had promised to assist Mr. Eastman at the services. There was no music. The services concluded, the friends passed out, viewing the remains, which reposed in the parlor. The services at the house were simple. Just before the hour of the funeral there arrived a large floral design with the following card attached: "From the boys of the Louisville Male School, in remembrance of Samuel L. Clemens, who has brightened their lives with innocent laughter and taught them squareness and grit and compassion for their weak charges." The piece was given a conspicuous place at the bier. The house was filled with representative citizens. The clergyman prayed that the light of him whose body was now without its soul might shine forever through his works.

Plain Markers on Graves. With the exception of the new-made grave beside that of his wife, all was heavenly green. Even the grave recently made for

daughter, whose ending came so suddenly last December, had its green blanket. Plain markers denote where the family members repose in peace. On the grave of the beloved wife of the late author these words, dictated by him who adored her, are inscribed on the stone marker: "In this grave repose the ashes of Olivia Langdon, the beloved wife of Samuel L. Clemens who reverently raised this stone to her memory. Elmira, N. Y., Nov. 27, 1845; Florence, Italy, June 5, 1904. Gott sei dir gnadig on me wonne."

Just to the other side is the grave of another daughter, with this inscription: "Olivia Susan Clemens, March 19, 1872, August 18, 1896," followed by the subjoined lines:

Warm summer sun, shine kindly here;
Warm southern wind, blow gently here;
Green sod above his light, his flight
Goodnight, dear heart, good night, good night.

The services at the grave were private, only the relatives and immediate friends being present. Mr. Eastman offered a prayer as the body descended to its last earthly resting place. The mourners departed, the sexton and his assistants covered the spot, piling floral tokens upon the top. Then these latter turned homeward. It was growing night, and Mark Twain was left alone with those beloved best. The burial plot is an ideal place. Just the one to fit the great but simple man and just the place he would choose above all others had he searched.

TUG AND CREW MISSING FOUNDERED IN GALE

Holland, Mich., April 25.—In the severe gale which swept Lake Michigan the tug Zenith, having in tow an oil barge, was disabled about seven miles off Holland harbor and left at the mercy of the sea. The barge, a steel craft about 200 feet long, broke away and was sighted by the Holland life-saving crew. Captain Van Welden ordered out the surfboat and made for the barge, rescuing Captain Knox, the only man aboard.

Nothing has since been heard of the Zenith, and it is feared that the boat with her crew of 12 men have perished.

Van Cleef In Race.

Cincinnati, O., April 25.—A. R. Van Cleef formally announced his candidacy for state senator of the Tenth district, comprising Franklin and Pickaway counties.

HISSING INTENTIONAL CREMATED IN COTTAGE

Chicago, April 25.—That President Taft was hissed, not through a mistake but by intention, at the recent suffragist convention in Washington, was the unequivocal declaration of Dr. Anna T. Blount in an address before the suffragist society of Oak Park.

Ends Troubles With Poison. Columbus, O., April 25.—Ill and friendless, deserted by her husband and without work, Mrs. Geneva Neff committed suicide by taking poison. She left a note addressed to her mother in which she said: "I am quits with everything. There is nothing on earth that could be offered me now that I would have or would please me."

Ponca, Neb., April 25.—Mrs. Jerry Miner and five children were burned to death when their cottage caught fire. Miner saved his two-year-old baby by throwing it out of the window. The father made a desperate effort to rescue the other members of the family and was burned so seriously that he is not expected to live.

Negroes Driven From Town. Coleman, Tex., April 25.—Twelve negroes badly beaten, one white man seriously injured and the entire negro population of Coleman of between 150 and 200 men, women and children driven out of town, are the result of race riots which occurred here and raged far into the night.